

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.18**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator McConnell	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	58-5-400
SUBJECT:	Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill amends Chapter 5, Title 58 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 4, which provides for a procedure for the adjustment of rates and charges of natural gas distribution utilities to reflect changes in expenses, revenues, investments and other changes. The Bill also establishes procedures for interested parties to challenge these adjustments.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Public Service Commission

The Commission indicates there will be no fiscal impact on the general fund of the State, or on Federal and/or Other funds.

The Office of Regulatory Staff

The Office indicates that there will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State. However there will be an impact on Other funds of approximately \$109,400 in recurring costs and \$5,000 in non-recurring costs. The Office will need to establish 2.00 new FTE positions (Auditor IV) with personal service and employer contributions of \$102,400. Annual other operating expenses are estimated at \$7,000. First year non-recurring computer and office equipment expenses are estimated at \$5,000.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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